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Examiner: Elkins
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the election of species requirement mailed March 18, 2005, the undersigned wishes to elect, without traverse, the species of Figures 30-33 for prosecution. The Examiner will note that all of the pending claims read on this species, and that Figures 30-33 represent a portion of an overall article carrier system. Claim 1 is also believed to be generic to the embodiment shown in Figures 20 and 21. As the Examiner will note, the mechanism of Figures 30-33 represents one preferred embodiment for a mechanism for latching one end of the cross bar to the siderail. Accordingly, to the extent this response may designate more than one of the species listed by the Examiner, the undersigned wishes to request reconsideration of the presently pending species requirement. Additionally, the present application includes only 19 claims total, which is not an excessive number of claims.

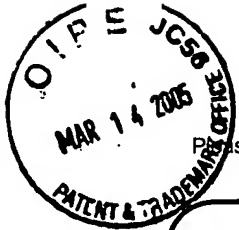
If the Examiner should have any questions on this matter it is requested that the undersigned be contacted at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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